

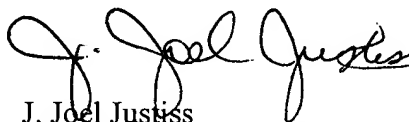
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In the present amendment, the Applicants have amended Claims 1, 5, 7-8, 12, 14-15, 19 and 21. The amended Claims are supported by the specification and do not introduce new matter. The Applicants have not added or cancelled any claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing claims, as amended, are allowable. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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